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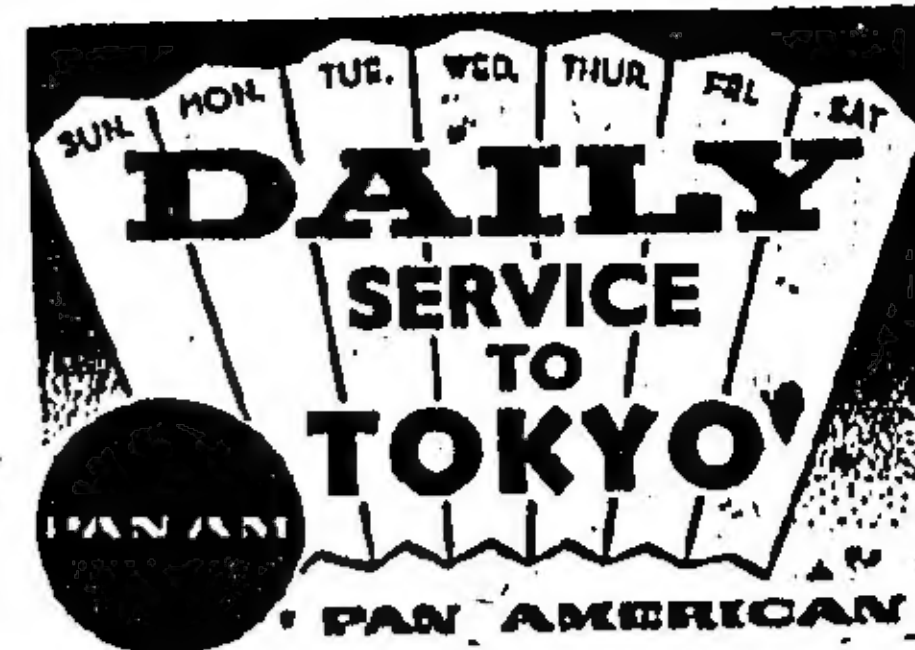
THE WEATHER: Moderate east-south-east winds. Cloudy with occasional rain or showers.

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Comment Of The Day

RENT CONTROL

IN the last few weeks Government has had some opportunity to mull over the question of rent decontrol though its inclination will probably be to put off a decision as long as possible. The idea of permitting an increase in the cost of living at any time is unpopular and particularly now in view of the opposition that the request for decontrol has aroused. One assurance that Government might give is that it will not act contrary to public interest. At the same time it is committed to the general principles of the McNell report which calls for gradual decontrol when economic conditions permit. What step should it now take in view of the Unofficials' request during the budget debate?

CHIEF PROBLEM

IT would seem that Government's chief problem is determining whether today's conditions permit some further easing of controls in the case of business and higher grade domestic premises. But this is really irrelevant to the main problem of rents which the ordinance cannot resolve and which urgently calls for action. The most disagreeable feature of the existing Landlord and Tenant Ordinance is that while landlords of prewar buildings are restricted there is no effective control on principal tenants and the postwar landlords and principal tenants are free to charge what they want. Something more than just progressive decontrol is therefore indicated. If this one anomaly and it is one of many under the ordinance — is to be rectified.

WIDER CONTROL?

LAST week an Urban Councilor advanced the suggestion of wider control "to defend tenants in the cheaper new flats from the threat of spiralling rent increases." This is an idea which will meet with much sympathy. Despite the difficulties that it involves, a growing number of people are coming to the conclusion that there should be some form of rent control for all kinds of buildings. Another suggestion which could implement this idea is the institution of Fair Rent Courts which have the effect of eliminating exploitation of tenants. The proposal is not without difficulties; the courts might swiftly become swamped with requests for assessments, but their very existence may act as a moderating influence on landlords.

NEW ORDINANCE

AS long as the present ordinance exists, however, the Colony will only be talking in terms of control and decontrol. And as long as we maintain this ordinance the vexed question of decontrol will continue to be a cause of public outcry and resentment every three or four years. The chances are that with the building of low-cost premises lagging so far behind, controls will be with us for many years to come. What Hongkong needs is a new Landlord and Tenant ordinance which removes the anomalies of the present legislation and which provides ceilings on rents which cannot be abused. These are the lines along which Government ought to be thinking.

Panama Accuses Margot

She Had Knowledge Of A Plot, They Say

Panama City, April 23. The Panamanian Government today officially accused Dame Margot Fonteyn of having knowledge of a plot to overthrow the De La Guardia regime.

The allegation was made by a Government spokesman on the basis of letters to Dame Margot and her husband, Dr Roberto Arias, found in the cottage of an American woman friend at Santa Clara.

SEAT PRICES FOR FONTEYN BALLET GO UP

London, April 23. The Royal Opera House announced today it is increasing prices for tickets to all Royal Ballet performances by Dame Margot Fonteyn. But a spokesman denied the move had anything to do with her adventures in Panama. "It was arranged some time ago," he said. "We feel Dame Margot has reached a position of world eminence which justifies raised prices for her."

Plot To Kill Castro Report

New York, April 23. Eight men were reported today to have been hired to assassinate the Cuban Premier, Fidel Castro, during his visit to the United States. Police said all of the men were Americans and one of them was a racketeer Meyer Lansky. When the Castro regime cracked down on big time gambling in Cuba, Lansky fled the country. The suspected plotters were reported by police to have entered the city in two cars, one a dirty grey Cadillac. The cars were reported loaded with weapons.

City-Wide Search

The group also was said to include five brothers from Philadelphia, each with a long criminal record and mob connections in Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia and Florida. The report of the assassination plot touched off a city-wide search by police and federal agents. Descriptions of all seven men were sent out to police throughout the city. Despite the reported assassination plot, a high Police official said the security guard around the Cuban Premier would not be increased. —U.P.I.

Capsule Retrieved

Cape Canaveral, April 23. The American Air Force today retrieved a capsule ejected from a "Thor" ballistic missile launched from the Cape Canaveral proving grounds early this morning. —France Press.

DALAI LAMA ARRIVES IN TEZPUR



The Dalai Lama ends his historic flight from Lhasa. This picture shows him in Tezpur, surrounded by Indian officials and the retinue that fled with him last week. —London Express Service.

Taipei General's Warning On Quemoy, Matsu

Taipei, April 23. General "Tiger" Wang Shu-ming, chief of the Chinese Nationalist General Staff, alerted the offshore islands today for a possible new Communist assault. Wang, speaking as the Chinese bombardment of the Quemoy islands entered the ninth month, said the Communists might embark on a new military adventure next month.

RED CHINA'S NEW PLAN FOR TIBET?

Manila, April 24. China plans to communise Tibet and populate it with 30 million Chinese within 10 years to prevent further uprisings, the Manila Chronicle reported today. A Chronicle staff writer in Hongkong, basing his dispatch on "semi-official Asian sources," said the Chinese had decided to destroy the theocratic state of Tibet and turn it into an actual province of China. The Chinese plan, according to the Chronicle, called for: ★ Liquidation of the existing Tibetan rebels, estimated at not more than 20,000. ★ Deportation of 50,000 young anti-Communist Tibetan males to various parts of China proper. ★ Expropriation of the land and cattle and re-distribution among the peasants and shepherds. ★ Destruction of lamaism and the god-king myth. ★ Repopulation of Tibet with 30 million Chinese, starting with five millions in the next three years. —U.P.I.

Failed

China's shore guns, which half encircle the Quemoy complex, fired 14 shells up to noon today to start their ninth month of bombardment.

Boac Hearing

Washington, April 23. The Civil Aeronautics Board announced today it would hold oral hearings on April 26 on the British Overseas Airways Corporation's request for a trans-Pacific route between San Francisco and Hongkong via Tokyo. —U.P.I.

Hongkong Men To Work On Aden Airfield

By A CHINA MAIL REPORTER

Twelve Chinese workmen who were engaged on the construction of the new runway at Kai Tak, will be leaving the Colony in the near future for Aden, where they will begin on a similar contract. The workmen, employed by Gammon (HK) Ltd., are mainly connected with asphalt plant equipment. In Aden they will take part in the reconstruction of the RAF airfield. The present runway is to be strengthened and extended to take heavier and bigger aircraft. As the Aden contract has to be completed on a tight schedule of 46 weeks, Gammon's head office in London recommended that Chinese workmen from Hongkong who had been trained while at work on the Kai Tak runway be sent.

GOING BY SHIP

They decided it would be well worthwhile to send a number of experienced fitters on asphalt work, rather than train local personnel in Aden. Most of the men will be leaving the Colony for Aden by ship, but others will be flying. Mr A. G. Procter, manager of the Hongkong office of Gammon, said, "We want to send them by ship to give them a bit of a holiday, as they will be working pretty hard for the next 46 weeks." He added that he had complete confidence in the men and that "Chinese workmen are among the best in the world." A senior assistant engineer, Mr Cheong Kim-long will be accompanying the workmen. Mr Cheong, a former graduate of the University of Hongkong, is a member of the Malayan office of Gammon. The 12 workmen include two clerks, two asphalt plant fitters, two asphalt plant operators, two asphalt plant spreader operators, one electrician, and one fitter foreman.

Corporal Demoted For H-bomb Protest

London, April 23. A Royal Air Force corporal who refused to obey an order to work on a bomber after seeing a film on hydrogen-bomb protest marches was sentenced to a Court Martial today. The corporal, John Raymond Pritchard, 25, said that after seeing the film he became convinced it was wrong for Britain to have H-bombs. He told the Court Martial: "I could not believe in the principle that hydrogen bombs were bad and still work in co-operation with them." —Reuter.

Peter Leaves

New Delhi, April 23. Indian Premier Nehru revealed today that Prince Peter of Greece has left India at the request of the Indian Government, which considered he was engaging in "undesirable activities" at Kalimpong, where he lived. The India "Informa" news agency said. Earlier, Madame Lakshmi Menon, Deputy Foreign Minister, said that Prince Peter's affirmation that India had "helped the Chinese Communists conquer Tibet" was completely false and was a pure invention. —France Press.

MARKET SENSATION 72,000 CHINA LIGHT SHARES SOLD

There was a sensational reaction to the news of the China Light bonus issue on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning when more than 72,000 shares changed hands and the total market turnover for the morning topped \$2,200,000.

Top price for China Lights during the morning was \$19.80 while the low was \$18.20. Last night's closing price was \$18.10.

Sales opened at \$19.60 and closed at \$19.50.

One lot of 21,000 shares changed hands.

Full details of this morning's dealings are published in our share prices on page 9.

The announcement of the one for one bonus issue and the resulting of shares from \$5 to \$10 came in a surprise statement in the morning papers.

A fortnight ago Government announced it was setting up a board of inquiry to investigate the electric light and power companies.

IRAQ OIL: NO IMMEDIATE DANGER OF TAKE-OVER

London, April 23. The head of the Iraq Petroleum Company said today there was "no immediate danger" of Iraqi Premier Kassem's government nationalising the oil industry. Lord Monckton, who returned today from Baghdad, described his two-hour talk with the Iraqi Premier last week as "very useful," but he added there was no talk of nationalisation.

"I went there for a discussion, because of the 'awkward moment' in the political situation," Lord Monckton told newsmen in an interview shortly after his arrival at London airport. —U.P.I.

Lord Monckton said IPC was looking forward to "expanding production," but he declined to elaborate on any new concessions in the exploitation of oil land between the company and the Iraqi government.

No One Knows

"I don't see any immediate danger of nationalisation," he said. "That's the best I can say because no one knows what the future will bring." Lord Monckton said the 50-50 deal on oil profits between the company and Iraq would continue and that he knew of no pressing drive by the Iraqi Government to boost the percentage share of profits. He said he thought the Iraqis would like to get more money but that "they're not going to get it if we can help it." He said Iraq's absence from the first Arab oil conference now meeting in Cairo was



MONCKTON

In Your Saturday Mail

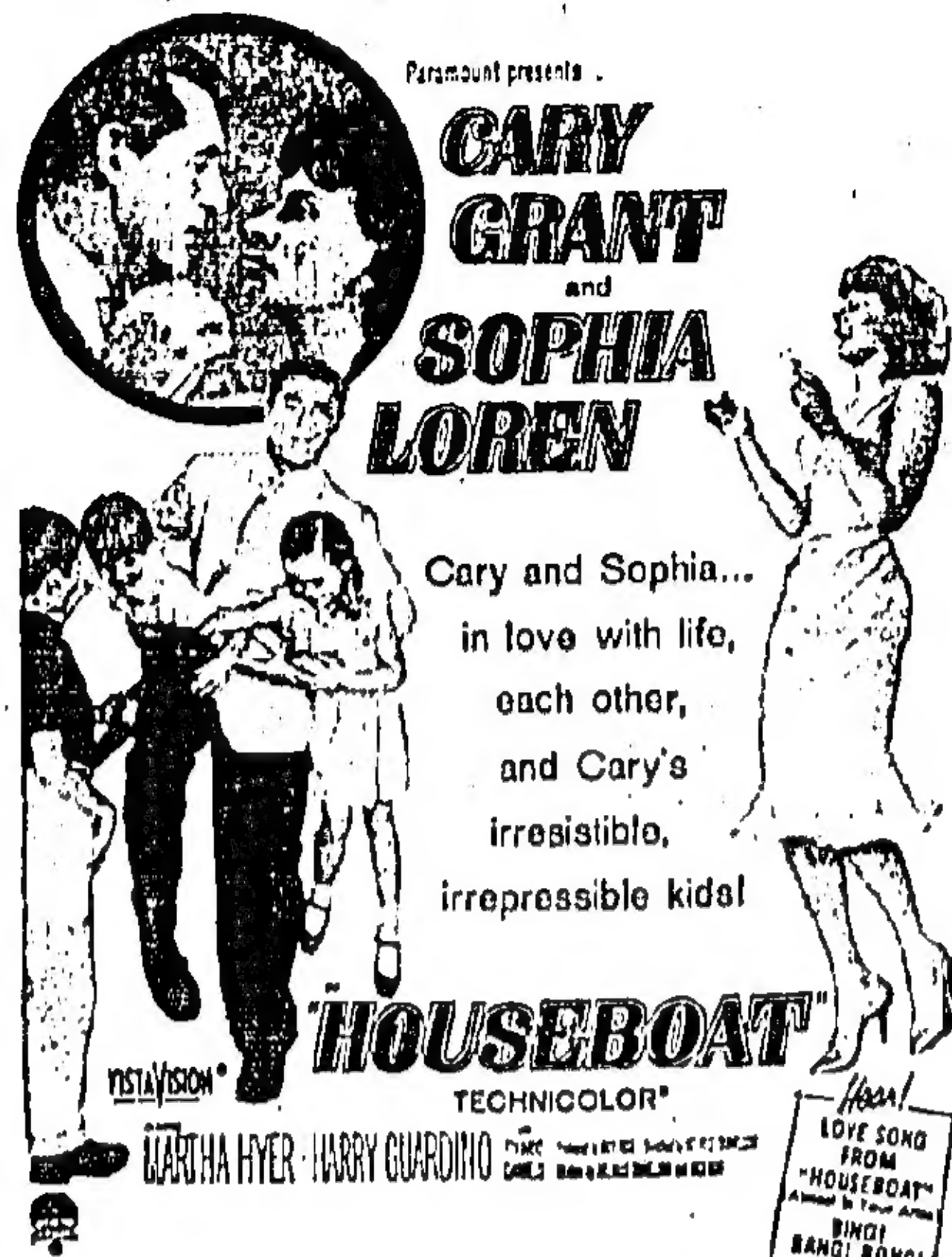
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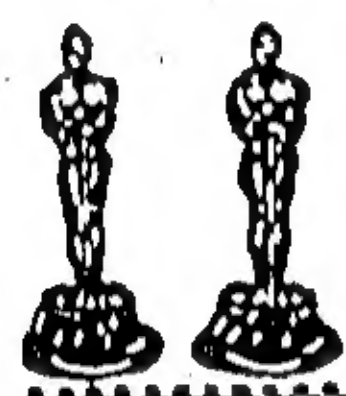
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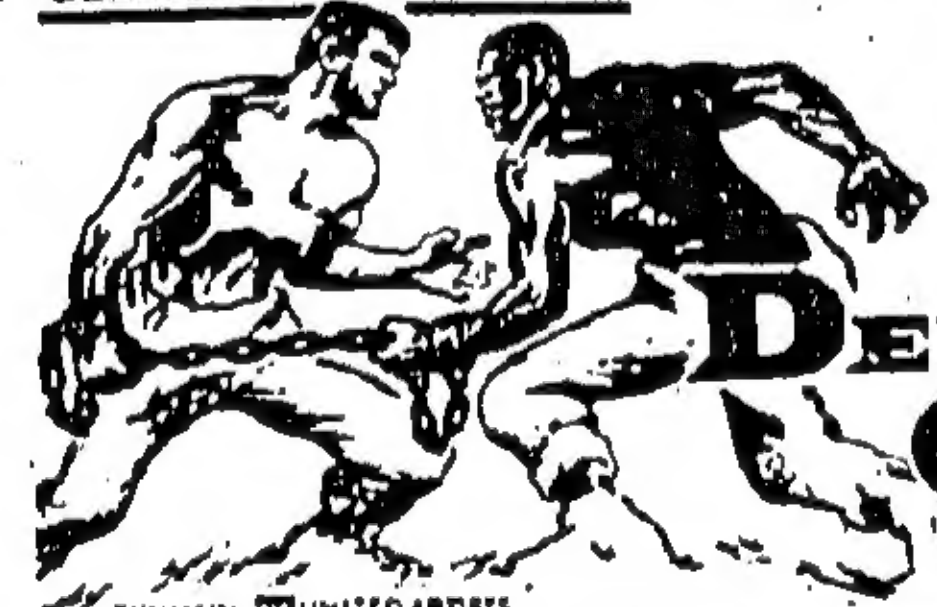
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LIM DEFIES PAP GAOL THREAT

Struggle For Power In Labour Party

London, April 23. Mr Morgan Phillips, secretary of the British Labour Party, today declined to confirm or deny newspaper reports that the party's National Executive had decided to take legal advice on a book due to be published next month.

The book, "The Road to Brighton Pier," is said to tell the "inside story" of the struggle during the years 1951-55 for leadership of the party.

It is written by Mr Leslie Hunter, for some years a political correspondent and a Labour supporter.

A spokesman for Mr Phillips who was today attending a London meeting of the Bureau of the Socialist International, said: "He has not read the book and it is not true that Mrs Barbara Castle, MP, the chairman of the party, read extracts from it at the National Executive meeting yesterday."

The publisher, Mr Arthur Barker, said in advance publicity about the book that it would tell for the first time much of the later history of the Labour Party.

"New light," it was added, "is thrown on the part played by Clement Attlee (now Lord Attlee and former British Labour Prime Minister) in preventing Herbert Morrison succeeding to the leadership and setting the stage for the meteoric rise of Hugh Gaitskell to the position of a potential prime minister only 10 years after he first entered the House of Commons."

The book recalls the struggle for power between Mr Morrison and Mr Gaitskell that finally ended in Mr Gaitskell finding himself "at the head of a predominantly left-wing team with Bevan as his de facto second-in-command."

"At that time," it was added, "bitterness so dominated the party that any compromise seemed impossible."

The advance publicity also promised to reveal "how the Labour Party almost destroyed itself in the turbulent years between the resignation of Mr Aneurin Bevan from the Cabinet in 1951 and his miraculous escape from expulsion on the eve of the general election of 1955."

Mr Hunter claimed that he was on intimate terms with most of the leading Labour Cabinet Ministers—China Mail Special.

British Labour leader, Hugh Gaitskell, and the party's foreign affairs spokesman, Aneurin Bevan, will spend late August and early September in the Soviet Union, Labour circles said today.

They will be the guests of the Soviet Communist Party Central Committee, who tendered the invitation during his recent visit to London.

The arrangements for the visit were made after the British Cabinet decision this week not to hold general elections before October, France-Press.

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Attempts To Scare People On Election Eve

Singapore, April 23. Chief Minister Lim Yew Hock today defied the leftwing People's Action Party to put him in gaol the moment it came into power.

U.S. Faces Increased Military Spending

New York, April 23. Defence Secretary Neil H. McElroy warned Americans tonight that military spending may have to be increased enormously in the next several years to keep ahead of the Soviet Union.

He also asserted that the U.S. will need a belt-tightening effort to keep ahead of Russia in the fields of education and economic competition on a global basis.

U.S. defence spending now runs \$41,000,000,000 a year.

The Secretary said that Russia now spends about the same as the United States on its military effort. To do so, he said, Russia devotes twice as high a percentage of its gross national product to military purposes as the United States.

Mr McElroy said that Allen Dulles, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, estimates that Russia "could" increase its spending by 50 per cent in the next seven years as a result of increased productivity.

"This is an area where the Soviet Union's effort must be matched or bettered," Mr McElroy said.—U.P.I.

Her "U.N. Family" Grows

Caracas, April 23. Coloured singer Josephine Baker arrived today from Maracibo with the 10th adopted child of her "United Nations" Family—a year-old South American Indian boy.

Miss Baker is married to M. Jo Bouillon, a Frenchman, and their adopted family includes children from Japan, Israel, Finland, France and Korea.—Reuter.

Big Oil Fire

Nancy, April 23. A huge fire broke out today in a petroleum depot at Dieulouard in the Meurthe et Moselle Department, igniting all the oil tanks and several buildings of the Petrocarbol Company. A cloud of black smoke from the fire plunged the entire town into darkness.—France-Press.

Russians Have Charted U.S. Pacific Coastline

Washington, April 23. Senator Warren G. Magnuson (Democrat) said today the Russians have charted the U.S. Pacific coastline, "from A to Z," collecting information that could be useful in underwater missile attacks.

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LIM YEW HOCK Saved Rightwing

'Sex Souffle' In Britain's Popular Press

Brighton, April 23. Britain's popular Press was attacked by a newspaper union chief today for serving up "an almost daily sex souffle" in the race for bigger circulations.

Mr G. Roper Mend, President of the 14,443-member National Union of Journalists, declared that in "the mad race" for circulations and higher profits, standards of taste and sensibilities ranked higher than service to the public.

In his presidential address to the union's annual meeting, Mr Mend asked: "Is the average member of the so-called leading democracy really so illiterate, flippant and of second rate intelligence that he does not deserve something better?"

"He can be sure of getting his almost daily sex souffle—with a delicate variation to suit all palates."

SEX SIMPLE "There will be sex simple—boy meets girl; sex suggestive—near nude pinups; sex salacious—the scannier side of notoriety; private lives; sex sensational in which pimps, prostitutes and homosexuals have lately been having a very good run, or just a surfeit of sex."

"If you search hard enough, you may find some hard news." But there were at least two rays of hope. He felt that television and its magazine features would oblige newspapers to revert more to their original role of newspapers.

With better and wider educational facilities there would also be an irresistible demand "for something better." "The growing circulations of the quality papers may be a pointer," Mr Mend said.—China Mail Special.

Tea Break Strike

Liverpool, April 23. Nine hundred dockers have struck here because 17 men lost an afternoon's pay after skipping out for a tea-break. The dockers union claimed the men should have received pay for the three hours they worked.—U.P.I.

Chinese Burnt To Death

Manila, April 24. A wealthy Chinese businessman was robbed and burned alive by eight armed men in a small village of Bukidnon province.

A constabulary report said Ah Fong was robbed of 4,000 pesos (HK\$12,000), then tied in a sack over which kerosene was poured and ignited. The constabulary today sent troops to the Barrio, Bukidnon, to hunt down the killers. It was announced.—U.P.I.

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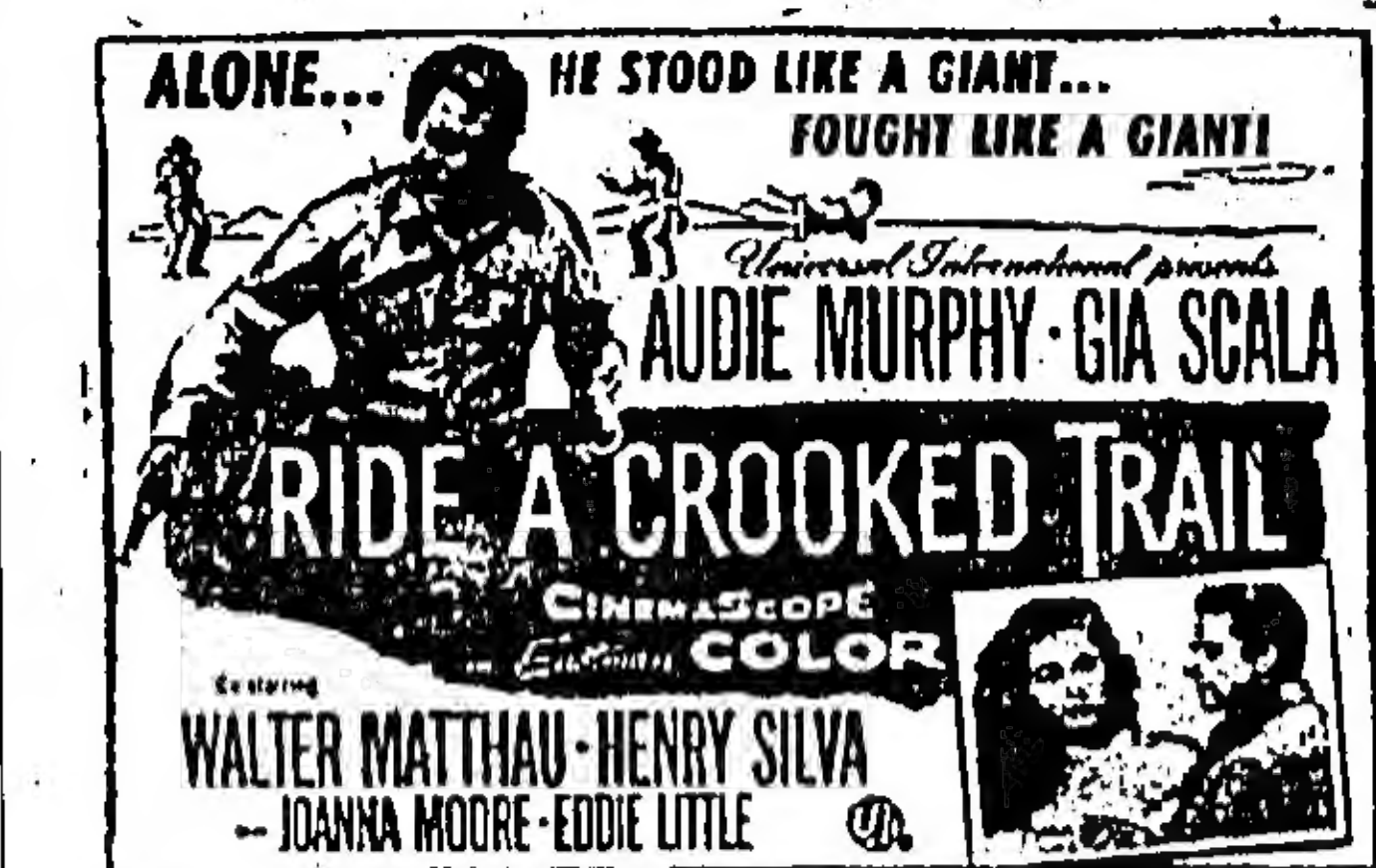
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LORD LOUIS FAREWELLS THE NAVY

London, April 23. Lord Louis Mountbatten, who is retiring as Britain's First Sea Lord, said today a nuclear power agreement with America had speeded up construction of Britain's first atomic-powered submarine and saved millions of pounds.

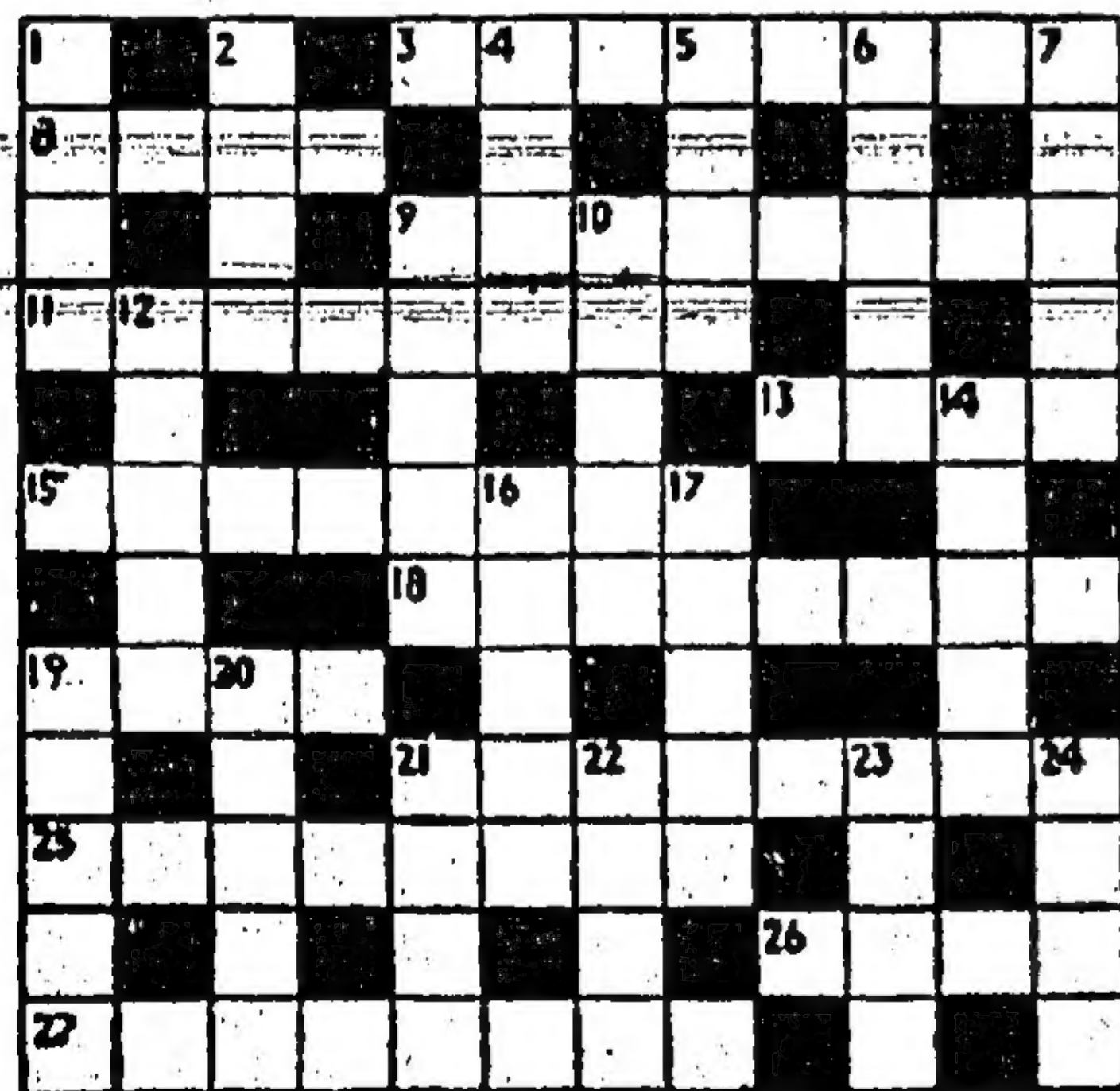
Lord Mountbatten, 58, uncle of Prince Philip and the last Viceroy of India, was speaking at a press conference at which he said goodbye to the Navy to take up his new post as Chief of Defence Staff.

On the Navy's future role he said: "It finally by some ghastly miscalculation the horror of global war descended upon us there would be an indescribable mess. But everybody would not be killed. There would be millions left who would have to be fed and provided with a livelihood and that is where the navy comes in—performing a task which nobody else can perform, of keeping the sea lanes open and conveying survival stores."—Reuter.

World Trade Week

Washington, April 23. President Eisenhower today proclaimed the week of May 17 as World Trade Week. He issued a proclamation declaring that international commerce contributes to the economic stability and progress of the United States and other trading nations. He also said that international trade stimulates mutual respect and understanding "which are the ground work of peace."—U.P.I.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
3 Confirmed (8).
8 Notion (4).
9 Got the better of (8).
11 Vics with (8).
12 Disorder (4).
15 Made up (8).
16 Told (8).
19 Equips (4).
21 Appropos (8).
25 Sent forth (8).
26 Trip (4).
27 Disagrees (8).

DOWN
1 Flat plate (4).
2 Expression (4).
4 Clever (4).
5 Grain (4).
6 Jollification (5).
7 American dandies (5).
10 Fruit (5).
10 Drain (5).
12 Sinell (5).
14 Close (5).
16 Rescue (5).
17 Freed from moisture (5).
19 Helped (5).
20 Hand-warmer (5).
21 Rough (4).
22 Departed (4).
23 Eager (4).
24 Political party (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Rumpus, 4 Picks, 7 Abrogate, 8 Cope, 9 Molest, 11 Lashings, 13 Battles, 15 Carcass, 18 Outer, 19 Director, 20 Drunk, 21 System, 22 Reclaim, 23 Pounce, 24 Startle, 25 Precise, 26 Complete, 27 Stress, 28 Latitude, 29 Escorts, 30 Booted, 31 Larder, 32 Ricks, 33 Scrum.

Cairo, April 23. Delegates at the closing session of the first Arab Oil Congress today passed a series of resolutions which would give the Arab countries increased control over the oil which they produce.

The delegates agreed on:

- Increased participation of the oil producing countries "on a fair and reasonable basis."
- The importance of integration within the oil industry.
- The setting up of national oil companies which would operate conjointly with the private companies already in existence.
- The need for setting up a special organisation to co-ordinate, at the national level, the conservation, production and export of oil, taking into account the particular conditions of each country.

The delegates felt it was desirable that the countries with oil resources should exchange views and experiences from time to time on common problems connected with the conservation, production and export of oil, and related materials.

They considered that such consultations would help them to co-ordinate their plans and activities and thus permit a more regular supply of oil for the international market.

Price Changes

The delegates also felt that price changes involving crude oil or its derivatives should not be made before the publication of the new prices by oil companies and before the governments concerned had time to discuss and study the proposed changes.

The delegates considered that the governments of oil producing countries should study the possibility of setting up a system of consultations for the exchange of views and experiences on common problems of conservation, production and export of oil and subsidiary products.

They stressed the need for carrying out the project for Arab pipelines and increasing the capacity of oil pipelines in the oil producing countries.—France-Press.

Clock Quiet

Coventry, April 23. The bells of Coventry Cathedral clock, the subject of complaints last year by residents at a nearby hotel, have been silenced during the night. Mechanism costing over £300 has been installed to stop the bells chiming from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. A gift to the cathedral reconstruction fund by the brewery company owning the hotel has enabled the cathedral authorities to install the mechanism. — China Mail Special.

C'wealth Has Vast A-Fuel Reserves

London, April 23. The British Commonwealth controls more than three-quarters of the non-Communist world's reserves of uranium and thorium, the raw materials of atomic energy.

The biggest fields are probably at Blind River in Canada and the Witwatersrand Basin in South Africa, a leading atomic geologist, Mr. S. H. U. Bowie, told the Royal Society of Arts. Speaking of the Commonwealth's "vast potential" as a producer Mr. Bowie said: "Many other areas rich in uranium undoubtedly exist but whether there are many more as large and as rich as Blind River or from which uranium can be produced as a by-product of some other metal as in the Witwatersrand Basin is not so certain."

Mr. Bowie is a member of the Atomic Energy Division of the Geological Survey of Great Britain.—Reuter.

Mrs Luce Approved

Washington, April 23. The Senate Foreign Affairs Committee today approved the nomination of Mrs. Clare Booth Luce as U.S. Ambassador to Brazil. Her nomination which now goes to the Senate floor on Monday for final confirmation was contested by only one of the 14 committee members, Democratic Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon.

Morse announced that he would make a long speech against the choice of the former Ambassador to Italy when her nomination came up on the Senate floor.—France-Press.

Atomic Power

Paris, April 23. France has started feeding nuclear produced power into her national electricity grid, the French Atomic Energy Commission announced today. The commission said it was the first time in Western Europe that nuclear energy had been fed into a national grid.—Reuter.

CELEBRITIES MARK BARD'S BIRTHDAY

Stratford-on-Avon, April 23. Leading actors and actresses, including Paul Robeson now playing Othello at the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, mingled with Ambassadors from all over the world here today in the traditional celebrations of Shakespeare's birthday.

Players and diplomats shared the task of unrolling the flags of 90 nations which flew from white poles erected in the main streets of this picturesque little Warwickshire town where the poet was born 395 years ago. Then carrying wreaths and bouquets they led the time-honoured procession from Shakespeare's birthplace to Holy Trinity Church where his grave is



Labour Critical Of Cotton Aid Plan

London, April 23. Labour members of Parliament were critical tonight of the Government's £30 million plan to see the Lancashire Cotton industry over the next five years.

Mr. Harold Wilson, former Labour President of the Board of Trade, commented: "This is a condemnation of the Government's failure over seven years to solve the problems of the cotton industry."

"It may be that in the situation which they have allowed to develop some special schemes are needed but it will mean the closure of many more mills, perhaps running into hundreds."

"Labour will examine these proposals very carefully to see that the interests of displaced cotton workers are protected both by compensation and by providing alternative employment."

Other Labour M.P.'s regard the plan as obscure and have different views about its precise meaning.

There seems, in their opinion, no attempt to co-ordinate the closing of mills with the employment situation.—Reuter.

DELGADO CASE SEQUEL

Lisbon, April 23. The case of Portuguese opposition leader General Humberto Delgado, who sought political asylum in the Brazilian Embassy, here earlier this year, had a sequel today when an embassy spokesman disclosed that the Brazilian Ambassador had resigned.

The spokesman said Ambassador Alvaro Alvares had sent his resignation to the Brazilian Government and that he took this decision immediately after settlement of the Delgado case.

The Portuguese authorities allowed Delgado to leave the Brazilian Embassy unaccompanied provided he left the country. The General who was defeated candidate in last year's presidential elections, flew to Brazil earlier this week.—France-Press.

Laughing In The Rain

Last week's three-day horse trials at Badminton were just about the wettest in the annual series—but not wet enough to deter the Queen from attending each event and also riding.

Princess Margaret isn't anything like as dedicated a horsewoman as her sister, but she too braved the rain and the mud to take advantage of their host's stables. After all the Duke of Beaufort—with whom they were staying—does claim the title of "Master of the Queen's Horse."

Picture shows: Princess Margaret (nearest camera) and the Queen.—The Times Photo.

Most Englishmen Forgot St George

London, April 23. Ceremonies and church services to mark the Feast of St George, England's patron saint, took place throughout the country today.

But most Englishmen did not celebrate it, the Royal Society of Saint George said.

To remind Englishmen of the event, the society organised church services and a wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph in London.

However, said Major P. C. Horden, the society's secretary, Saint George still gets "far less attention" on his feast than Scotland's Saint Andrew, Ireland's Saint Patrick, or Wales' Saint David. The society itself was not founded in England, but by English loyalists in Canada during the American War of Independence.—Reuter.

Baby Elvis

London, April 23. Mr and Mrs S. W. Presley of Bosbury have a new baby. They have named him Elvis Presley Jr.—U.P.I.

Radiation Cause?

London, April 23. Two medical research workers have found that rises in the death rate from leukaemia—cancer of the blood—in people under 60 are due to two types of the disease which radiation may induce.—France-Press.

COMING WEEKS MOST VITAL SINCE WAR

—Says Mr Macmillan

London, April 23. The British Prime Minister, Mr. Macmillan, said today that the international developments of the next few weeks and months may lead "to what may well prove one of the most important periods of post-war history."

In a speech before 2,000 members of the Conservative Party at Preston, Lancashire, he said: "I am hopeful that sufficient progress will be made at the forthcoming Foreign Ministers' conference to make a summit conference fruitful, but I have never believed that all these great issues could be solved by a short meeting of heads of governments."

"I see the summit not as a single act to settle the affairs of Europe or, still less, of the world, but as the beginning of a period of negotiations which could, if the will be there, be a beginning of better relations between the two great blocs—East and West."

Mr. Macmillan continued: "All these developments in which the British Government has the right to claim an important share may lead in the course of the next few weeks and months to what may well prove one of the most important periods in post-war history."

Turning to the question of the unity of Western views, the Prime Minister said: "Such discussion has gone on between the Allied Governments. Although differences of emphasis and detail, I can tell you there is a broad agreement between us as to how we are to proceed."—France-Press.

Collection Of China Sells For £22,800

London, April 23. One of the largest private collections of continental china to be auctioned in London for many years fetched £22,800 at Christie's.

The seller, who was from the Continent, remained anonymous. Highest price paid for a single lot was 1,000 guineas for a pair of porcelain figures of a pair of swans modelled by J. J. Kändler about 1740 and only six and a quarter inches high.

They were bought by Mr Hans Weinberg, of Bond Street, one of the world's biggest dealers in antique porcelain. Most of the nearly 100 lots were Meissen china made at the village of Meissen near Dresden, East Germany. There were also many Sevres and Doccia pieces.

Mr Weinberg also paid 750 guineas for a seven inch high group of Sèvres porcelain and a pair of figures by Kändler. The last big china sale at Christie's was in 1955 when the collection of the Baroness von Zuylen van Nyevelde fetched more than £24,000.—China Mail Special.

"Getting To Know You"

St Paul, Minn., April 23. An unusual wedding greeting was on route today to the new Empress-to-be of Japan from 11 youngsters of Japanese descent living in the twin cities of St Paul and Minneapolis. The greeting was a tape recording of the song "Getting to Know You" from the "King and I". It was recorded by the youngsters ranging in age from six to nine.—U.P.I.

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Just How Radio-Active Is London?

In the House of Commons the Prime Minister states that the latest measurements of Strontium 90, the most deadly of H-bomb fall-out, is nowhere near danger level, and that a

comprehensive monitoring programme exists in this country. China Mail Science Reporter PETER FAIRLEY reports on the man who keeps check on London.

HOW much H-bomb dust do Londoners breathe as they walk about the streets? How much harm is it doing to us?

High up on the roof of County Hall, a man has made it his job to find the answers to these questions. He is Mr. G. B. Courtier, Assistant Scientific Adviser to the LCC. A quiet, friendly man in a blue suit, he is a man who hates fuss and panic.

The figures

That is why he believes it is vital for Londoners to keep the figures he will soon make public in their proper perspective. "People jump to conclusions too quickly," he warns.

The figures are these:

Radio-active "fall-out" this month over London is FOUR times higher than some of the readings taken last year.

It is TWICE as high as it was last April. And it has stood at a record level for five months—the longest-ever "peak". Strontium 90—the most deadly part of H-bomb dust, which can cause leukaemia, and bone cancer—is falling faster this year. London's milk is like-

ly to have a still higher Strontium content in 1959. Alarming? Not really, says Mr. Courtier. "It appears that we can tolerate perfectly well the present doses," he said. "The most pessimistic medical authorities would be alarmed only if these figures increased tenfold. And some say they could increase 100 times without doing us harm."

But Mr. Courtier keeps a daily watch. In a rooftop hut London's air is sucked in through thin, tube-shaped filters. An ordinary household gas meter has been adapted to record the flow.

'Count'

Sometimes ten tons of air is tested at a time. The filters are placed in a Geiger counter and parked round with lead. Then the "count" for radio-activity begins.

Often it has taken Mr. Courtier hours, after the rest of County Hall is silent and deserted. Every time facts about fall-out on Britain are published a batch of anxious letters arrives on his desk. He answers each, personally, soothingly.

Startling

London's food, milk and water comes under the Geiger count as well. "Our water has negligible radio-activity in it," he reports.

"Not as much, for example, as Welsh lake water."

"Our milk is becoming more radio-active. But it is important to compare figures before worrying. In all the plants of milk which an average Londoner drinks in a year, there is probably less radio-activity than in a few ounces of some types of food we eat from abroad."

He points out another startling fact. The natural radio-activity of London—from soil, buildings and the sun's rays—is ONE HUNDRED times greater, on a fine day, than anything yet produced by man-made H-bomb fall-out, even at today's level.

"Obviously," said Mr. Courtier, "I cannot say that man-made fall-out is beneficial. But except for Strontium, all the components of natural radiation are just as harmful—or harmless—as you care to think of it."

Why is the fall-out level so high in London today?

Last October Russia triggered off several "dirty" H-bombs high over the Arctic. The world's wind pattern has brought the dust down over Britain much more quickly than with previous Russian tests. "So the effects, though more potent at present, look like being more short-lived," he added. "And so far, there are no hints that any of the three major nations who conduct them have launched another series of spring tests, as they have done in previous years."

Ray of hope

Mr. Courtier, the quiet, home-ly man who "cannot quarrel on ethical or philosophical grounds with those who join H-bomb protest marches," sees another ray of hope.

"The components of this fall-out on London decay so quickly that I do not believe we shall reach a danger level this century," he says. "The tests continue at their present rate."

But the watch over London goes on.

—London Express Service.



"I think it's a lovely Budget," said an average housewife. "Any Government that brings electric irons down from £5 to £4 17s. 1d. certainly gets my vote."

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Patricia Lewis . . .

Seeking the Wish-You-Were-Here places

This week ESTORIL

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ABOUT TO MOVE INTO HIS MODEST LITTLE PALACE... THE TOP PATINO...

Occasionally the Comte did not accept, but ultimately he finished up winning. Then, settling back with a Scotch, he talked about his Transatlantic voyage.

"As a sailor I always had the ambition to sail to America on the route of Columbus—but I knew it would take a lot of preparation and time I could not afford."

"Last Spring though, I said to myself: 'Nothing is going to happen for the next few months, so I took pot luck and went.'"

"It was very solitary but very impressive. We did not see a ship for days and days—but we did see Sputnik II."

"It came down in the Caribbean about, a hundred miles ahead of us—and red-hot and spitting fire."

A Wink

I asked the comte if he would attempt such a trip again. He winked. "It is possible but not probable. I miss fresh bread when I am at sea," he said.

He paused as the Princess Pilar came over to the table. "Fapa," she said, patting me on the shoulder. "We really must go now or you will be late."

Everyone rose and bowed as they left the room. But I could not help feeling that for the sportive Comte de Barcelona life is perhaps more fun when you are a king without a throne—or even a palace.

A NEW £120,000

Hotel de Cascais, linked by a ski-lift to a new £300,000 casino two miles away at Estoril, is one of the plans to popularise this coast.

JUST like home! Portuguese parents are arguing that television is having a bad effect on their children. Strange! Excepting Sundays, TV only operates from 9 p.m. until just before midnight.

FROM the Duque de Luna, head of tourism in Spain: "Holidays are becoming quite impossible—there is hardly anywhere left where you can get away from people."

THIS is a very moral country and I think the blonde American eating lunch with a book propped up before her should at least have removed its garish dustcover—the book was "Lolita."

LISBON'S snob Avis Hotel is so exclusive it has no brochure and never advertises.

AFTER battling Portuguese gale-force breezes, I understand why local farmers find their cheapest source of power is a plain, old-fashioned windmill.

THE PALACE Hotel, Estoril, is so angry at the recently built Cibra Hotel for blocking its view that it is suing to have it torn down.

—(London Express Service).

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I SELDOM lose sleep over the sufferings of exiled royalty. They inevitably wind up in a fashionable resort with an equable climate, a fawning society and enough remittance money to keep the monarchist fires burning somewhere back home. But since arriving in Estoril I have become quite red-eyed over Don Juan, the Comte de Barcelona, Pretender to the Spanish throne... etc.

After all, but for Franco's delayed O.K., he is King of Spain and if anyone should build a palace around here it ought to be Don Juan, not Antenor Patino, the Bolivian tin-plate millionaire.

Yet the king (everyone here seems to refer to him as the king) lives with his family in a large but un-special villa that used to be the clubhouse for Estoril's golf course while Patino's place is a local "must" for sightseers.

Cheap, Yes

Not that you could miss it if you tried. Stark white in the middle of a wild park—with a view stretching to Lisbon Harbour, it has been four years under construction at an estimated £300,000—without furniture.

Said a Portuguese friend of Patino: "Please—you no, use the name of me—but I think it finish this autumn. Is not expensive, £300,000 for a summer palace, no? In England it cost much more to build the palace, yes?"

I explained that though pricing palaces was not my line, I was more than willing to learn. Whereupon my friend grabbed me by the hand and we shot off on a tour of inspection.

"Is built in style of old Portuguese," he announced in true courtier style as we approached.

"You see—all white stone: is no big—eight bed and bath-rooms—but so fantastic."

Fantastic?—Yes; even though only one room is furnished—the library which is an exact copy of the famous library at Queensborough University—all green and gold and raised-up books with a carved-wood ceiling.

Perhaps an even more fabulous ceiling. One reproduced from the medieval palace at Cintra.

Reckoning Patino's wealth, you can hardly blame him limiting with envy.

Seeing how it is strictly for summer use, I had to agree and privately extend that claim to include most places outside Europe as well.

"Ah! here he comes. I will present him if you like."

He grimaced as we came over.

"Ah, Manuel," he cried. "I lost—but now I shall beat you all at dice."

I Like

I said I would very much like to and we went out to the 18th hole where the count was just finishing a strenuous round with the Venezuelan Ambassador Roberto Machado Morales.

Tall, tanned, and smiling, with a blue sweater and eyes to match, Don Juan of Spain proved to be one of the gayest. Pretenders you could wish to meet.

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Pupil

We adjourned to a corner table in the bar: "This is called 'Liar Dice,'" explained the Comte. "I don't see what you throw and what you tell me you have thrown may not necessarily be true, but you will have to see if I accept it."

The game—for matches—commenced.

Said the ambassador: "I have a jack, three queens, and a king."

"Ummmm," said the Comte, tapping his nose. "That is an interesting proposition. I accept."

"Bah! He's just an actor... But goodness! I wish I had his script."

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WOMANSENSE

JACOBY on BRIDGE

THE death of Richard Sutton of Houston in an auto accident was a tremendous shock to everyone who knew him.

At 27 he was one of our most promising young players and also one of the finest of the many young men I have met at the bridge table or anywhere else.

Unlike many who sacrifice soundness for brilliance Dick

NORTH 13	
♠ J 2	♥ 8 7 6
♦ A K Q 6 4	♣ 9 5 2
WEST	
♠ K Q 10 8	♥ 7 6 3
♦ K 9 5 2	♣ Q 10 4 3
♠ 5	♥ J 8 3
♦ 10 8 6 4	♣ Q J 7
EAST	
♠ A 8 6 4	♥ A J
♦ 10 8 7 2	♣ A K 3
SOUTH (D)	
♠ A 8 6 4	♥ A J
♦ 10 8 7 2	♣ A K 3
Both vulnerable	
South West North East	
1 N.T. Pass 3 N.T. Pass	
Pass Pass	
Opening lead—♠ K	

believed in simple bidding and steady play.

Here is one of his typical hands taken from the Mens Pairs which he and Mervin Key won at the recent Houston tournament.

The three no-trump contract was normal and practically every pair got there. Dick and the careful players made their contracts. The careless players managed to get set.

It all depended on the diamond suit. Dick was careful to lead the seven and then drop the nine and ten on the next two leads. Nothing sensational—just good winning play.

The careless players led the deuce of diamonds. Once they led that card their 10-9-7 blocked the suit and they had no way to make dummy's fifth diamond.

♥♦CARD SENSE♦♥

Q—The bidding has been:

North East South West

2♥ 2♥ 7

You, South, hold:

♠ 10 8 7 5 4 ♥ 5 4 3 ♦ 3 2 ♣ 3 5

What do you do?

A—Pass. Your partner has been given another chance to bid by East's overcall and you can show your spades later on.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Again your partner has opened with two diamonds and East has overcalled with two hearts. This time you hold:

♠ 4 4 ♥ K J 8 6 5 ♦ 3 2 ♣ Q 8 7 6 5

What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow



A classic seven-eighths coat and matching straight skirt in velvety camel-coloured wool.

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For Those Going On Leave

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For winds—pepper brown suede jacket, fleece lined.

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STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Punch's Favourite Dish

—He Liked What Went With It, Too—

By MAX TRELL

It was just about dinner time and everybody was talking about food. By everybody we mean Knarr and Hanid, the Shadow Children with the Turned-About Names. Teddy, the Stuffed-Bear, Hiawatha, the Small-Sized Wooden Indian,

Mary Jane, the Rag Doll, and General Tin, the Tin Soldier. "I like fried chicken best," said Teddy, the Stuffed Bear.

Liked Bear Meat

"Fried chicken's all right," said Knarr, "but I'd rather have a minute steak."

"I like an omelette," said Hanid.

"Long ago, when I used to live in a wigwam with my Grandfather," said Hiawatha, "we used to eat bear meat."

On hearing this, Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, turned a little pale. "You did... why, you did?" he said to Hiawatha.

"There, there," said Hanid, putting her arm around Teddy's shoulder. "I'm sure Hiawatha didn't mean he used to eat bears like you. But wild grizzly bears, you mean, wasn't it, Hiawatha? You didn't mean Teddy Bears, did you?"

"Ugh, I meant all kinds of bears," said Hiawatha.

Here Mary Jane changed the subject by asking General Tin what he liked best to eat.

Never Eats

"I never eat," said General Tin.

"Oh, I forgot," said Mary Jane. "You're made of tin. You don't have to eat."

"But—suppose you did eat," said Hanid, "what would you like best?"

"I'd like buttermilk and biscuits," said General Tin.

Just then Mr Punch who had been dozing in his chair in the sunny window, stirred, opened his eyes, stifled a yawn and finally looked up sharply.

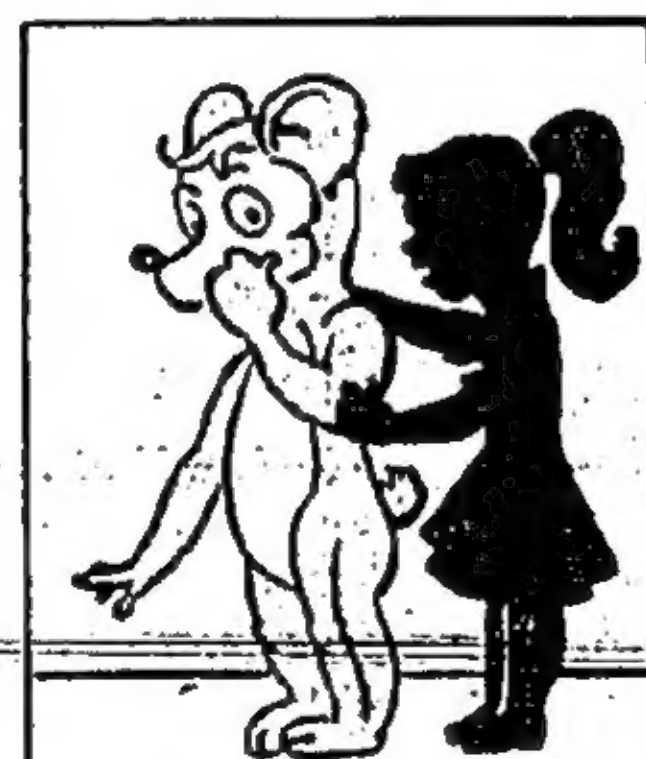
"What's going on here?" he said. "What's all this talk about food?"

Hanid explained to Mr Punch that they were talking about what kind of food each of them preferred to eat.

"Ah," said Mr Punch, "it's a very interesting subject. I've often thought of it myself."

Everyone now asked Mr Punch what his favourite food was.

"What I like best," said Mr Punch, "is a very plain and ordinary thing, but it has a wonderful taste."



Hanid put her arm around Teddy's shoulder.

"Is it fried chicken?" said Teddy.

Mr Punch shook his head.

"Omelette?" said Hanid.

"Minute steak?" said Knarr.

"Veal cutlet?" said Mary Jane.

"Buttermilk and biscuits?" said General Tin.

Mr Punch kept shaking his head.

Presently when everyone was silent he said: "What I like best is—gravy."

"Gravy?" shouted everyone in astonishment. "Only gravy?"

Nothing Like It

"Only gravy, indeed!" said Mr Punch in a loud voice. "There's nothing in the whole world like gravy. I could eat gravy for breakfast, dinner and supper!"

"But it's so little," said Hanid. "You can't make a meal out of gravy. You'd be hungry."

"My dear girl," said Mr Punch, "I didn't mention to you the things I have with gravy—chicken with gravy, steak with gravy, roast beef with gravy, cutlets with gravy, almost everything with gravy."

"Except buttermilk with gravy," muttered General Tin, as they all stood up and marched into the dining room to eat.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ...By STELLA

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

BORN today, you have a strong personality. You are quick to make up your mind and as speedy to act. You will cut corners wherever possible to get into action. Since you are not one to take advice, you work hard to get your own way and to follow out your own ideas explicitly. You are a great one to experiment. Let a new idea be tossed into your lap for testing, and you could never be happier.

While you may exhaust your energies in developing new ideas, you of the fair sex are more inclined to dream away your life, building castles in the air. You are self-sufficient and—might fall in love at first sight. You would do well to select someone whose temperament fits your own. You have a magnetic personality that attracts people into your orbit without your making any apparent effort to influence them—yet influence them, you do!

You have a good head for business and will probably prosper financially. You seem to recognize at once a good buying proposition. Your major interests, however, are intellectual and cultural and you will be happiest if you cultivate both sides of your personality.

Among those born on this date are: Adolph Lorenz, noted Austrian surgeon; Anthony Trollope, author; Cyril Maude, actor; Sir Stafford Cripps, statesman; Thomas Addis Emmet, Irish patriot.

To find what the stars have in store for you, turn to the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—You can take a calculated risk now and be assured that you will succeed. **GEMINI** (May 22-June 21)—If you can get away for the long weekend, it would be a good thing. **CANCER** (June 22-July 23)—Your outlook for future gains is now improved. Keep on the lookout for profit-taking. **LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23)—This can be a lively, productive day for you. This can prove to be your best day of the month so far. **VIRGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Hold to your major objective; let nothing interfere with your progress. **LIBRA** (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Perhaps you can take a trip this weekend; combine business and pleasure for profit. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—You can afford to take a calculated risk now. Deal with someone at a distance, cautiously. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—The stars are now favourable to anything you undertake. Romantic interests are encouraged. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Despite an undercurrent of unrest, this is your best day of the week. Take advantage of it. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Others may be slowed up, but not you. This can prove to be your best day of the month so far. **PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Legal matters involving money should bring favourable results and increase your income. **ARIES** (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—A romantic day. Attend a social gathering honoring a relative or close friend.

Rupert and the Blunderpuss—41



The Blunderpuss tried to keep an eye on Bill and Algy and Podge as Rupert hurried away, but he couldn't hear any of the unkind things they are saying, so he remains quietly in his arms. On the Common he hears voices and hides behind a tree, in case of more trouble, until his other pals, Ratus and Binga, have gone by. "Now I must show this to Uncle Bruno before I take it to the Conjuror," Rupert thinks, "and I mustn't waste any more time." This time he reaches the cottage without any further mishap.

AK RUPERT

Busy Little Feet Need Just The Right Shoes



Foot care for children includes sprinkling baby powder in shoes. The powder helps relieve excess perspiration.

By JEANNE D'ARCY

THEY'RE cops! They're robbers! They're cow-boys and injuns! Whatever they are, they're always on the hop, skip and run. The younger generation "at play" is enough to wear out a watching adult. They never stop for a moment.

FOOT CARE

All the footwork is fun but, if Mom's wise, she'll take a few precautions to make sure the youngsters' feet develop properly. It's not a bad idea to consult the family doctor on this score. Perhaps special supports are necessary to help young feet grow the proper way.

Don't cut budget corners on shoes for small fry. Buy the best. Go to a reliable store, where the salesman is trained in making a good fit for little feet.

Perhaps Eli can't get the party shoes she wants, or Junior won't be allowed the boots he dreams of, but it's all for the best. Personal preferences must be sacrificed in the interest of selecting shoes that fit properly and provide proper support.

It's a good idea to massage the youngster's feet with a soothing baby lotion. One that contains lanolin helps prevent and heal chapping and chafing. Another precaution is to sprinkle a little baby powder inside the children's shoes and socks. It will resist moisture and relieve excessive perspiration.

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MAN ON STABBING CHARGE

Friend Refused To Lend Him Money, Court Is Told

A man was accused at the Criminal Sessions this morning of stabbing his friend because he refused to lend him money. Hui Muk-kwan, 31, unemployed, was charged with wounding Tsui Hak-leung with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

The alleged offence took place outside No. 24 Lo Yan Street, Kowloon City, on December 10 last year.

The case is before Mr Justice C. W. Rees and a jury of four men and three women.

Tsui testified that he had met the accused the first time about three years before the incident.

Abused

About 2.30 pm, on December 10, he went to 24 Lo Yan Street, to explain something to Hui.

As he entered the house, he saw Hui on an upper bunk. "Without waiting to hear a word, he jumped from the bunk and abused me," said the complainant.

"He pushed me out of the house, across the street and against a wall."

Tsui said he tried to push back, and the accused struck him several times.

There were two other persons at the scene. They tried to separate him and the accused, but Hui warned them not to do so or else they would be beaten up also.

Then Hui pulled out something from the back of his trousers, the complainant went on.

He could not see at that time what it was. But Hui raised his hand immediately after and he saw that he held a knife.

Tsui was stabbed in the chest, the face, the right hand and forearm.

Reasons Why

He had refused Hui the loan. Subsequently he heard that Hui was sending someone to beat him up.

"The purpose of going to see Hui was to explain the reasons why I could not lend him the money," said the complainant.

Mr Simon L. Crown Counsel, is prosecuting.

Hearing is continuing.

HK Water Authority

The names of Mr W. C. Quayle and Mr B. Agfurroff have been added to the list of officers authorised to perform the functions of the Water Authority under the Waterworks Ordinance, according to the Government Gazette today.

The Gazette also notified that the name of Mr A. C. Young has been deleted from the same list.

HK COLLEGE TO BENEFIT FROM U.S. GRANT

A Hongkong college will benefit from a grant made by the Rockefeller Foundation of New York. In a cabled report from the American capital, it was announced that the Foundation had made grants totalling US\$407,500 (HK\$2,805,000).

These included an undefined sum for Chung Chi College, in Hongkong. The money will be used for an American librarian to serve as supervisor in the Chung Chi college library.

The rest of the money, the report said, has been made to institutions and individuals for study and research connected with Asian countries.

Contacted this morning, the Dean of Chung Chi College said he had not yet been officially informed from New York, and this was the first news he had received of the grant.

Recognition Of Consuls In Hongkong

The Government Gazette today notified that the Governor, under instruction from the Secretary of States for the Colonies, has accorded formal recognition to Mr Tadao Inumaru as Vice-Consul for Japan to Hongkong. Provisionally and pending instructions from the Secretary of States for the Colonies, the Governor has recognised Dr Klaus Terloth as Consul for the Federal Republic of Germany at Hongkong.

The Gazette also notified that the Queen's Exequatur empowering Mr Gori P. Bruno to act as Vice-Consul for the United States of America at Hongkong has been received. Her Majesty's signature.

AIRMAN GREETED RESCUER



Flying officer P. M. Dickenson greets Cheung Sun-tak the man who rescued him at today's presentation at Kai Tak.—China Mail Photo.

CPA FLIGHTS AUTHORISED

Cathay Pacific Airways, Ltd. have been granted a licence by the Air Transport Licensing Authority in Hongkong to operate the following routes with Lockheed Electra and Douglas DC-3 aircraft:

1. Hongkong / Taipei and/or Okinawa and/or Irumi/Tokyo (vice versa) — four flights a week.
2. Hongkong / Tokyo (vice versa) — four flights a week.
3. Hongkong / Okinawa and/or Irumi/Tokyo (vice versa) — four flights a week.
4. Hongkong / Seoul (vice versa) — one flight a week.

Aircraft Hazards To Be Removed

The Director of Civil Aviation has dispatched notices requesting certain landlords and owners of properties situated in Kowloon City near the airport to remove height obstructions. The notices were sent under the Hongkong Airport (Control of Obstructions) Ordinance. The obstructions are in the forms of aerials, poles, and other obstructions which obstruct the prescribed height.

The premises concerned are situated in Junction Road, Hau Wong Road, Fuk Lo Tsun Road, Gunglan Road, Ng Tsin Wai Road, Kowloon Road, South Wai Road, Lion Rock Road, Prince Edward Road, Carpenter Road which are near the approach of the new runway.

Murder Trial Continues

The hearing of a case in which four inmates of the Cape Collinson Boys' Home are alleged to have bashed a warder to death with bricks continued in the Supreme Court today. Yan Kin-wah, 20, Ng Tak-wai, 21, Chin Siu-kai, 20, and Choi To, 19, have each pleaded not guilty to having murdered the warder, So Shui-hor, on November 17 last year.

Dr Pang Ting-cheung, senior forensic pathologist at police headquarters, Hongkong, gave evidence on the post mortem he performed on So before Mr Justice A. D. Scholes, and a seven-man jury.

New Appointment

London, April 24. Sir Hilton Poynton, a Deputy Under-Secretary of State in the Colonial Office, has been appointed Permanent Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies in succession to Sir John Macpherson, who will retire from public service in August.

Mr W. L. Gorell Barnes, an Assistant Under-Secretary of State in the Colonial Office, will take over from Sir Hilton Poynton. It was officially announced today.—L.P.S.

Junk Masters Rewarded For Rescuing Pilots

Two junk masters who rescued two RAF pilots after they had baled out of their Vampire jet trainer off Cape Collinson two weeks ago, were presented with certificates of commendation. They also received \$500 each and sacks of rice.

The presentation was made this morning at Newman Steps, RAF Kai Tak, by the Air Officer Commanding, Air Commodore P. D. Holder, in a dazzling rain. The junk masters were, Sin Kun-siu, father of three, and Cheung Sun-tak, father of six.

Cheung was also awarded compensation of \$1,268.

During the rescue operation, Cheung's boat capsized and he lost most of his possessions.

At 10.15 am, the two junk masters came alongside the RAF launch moored at Newman Steps, in which the AOC was standing. They boarded the launch in the AOC's car. The AOC read the commendation and made the presentation, in the presence of the two pilots, Fl. Lt. B. A. Lewis, of 28 Squadron, RAF Kai Tak, and Flying Officer P. M. Dickenson, of 60 Squadron, RAF Tengah, Singapore.

Gaoled For Stealing From Pillar Boxes

An unemployed man, Yan Man, 26, who pleaded guilty to three charges of stealing neutral bars from electric pillar boxes in Kowloon, was sent to gaol for 18 months by Mr B. V. Rhodes, at Kowloon Court this morning. The defendant admitted the facts of the charges and a further eight similar charges were taken into consideration.

The Prosecutor, DSI Chan Sing, said the defendant had been arrested on April 19, in Chai Wan, Hongkong.

He had admitted that in March and April he had stolen eight neutral bars from electric pillar boxes, the property of China Light and Power Company, in Kowloon.

By removing the neutral bars, the prosecutor said, an uneven flow of current resulted which could cause an explosion or a fire.

Commonwealth Day

"Empire" Day on May 24 each year will in future be known as "Commonwealth Day," according to an amendment to the Holidays Ordinance in the Government Gazette today.

HK STAGE CLUB'S BRILLIANT USTINOV PLAY

By JOHN LUFF

A new producer, a Peter Ustinov play, an international cast, plus a fine first night audience replaced the Hongkong Stage Club on the pedestal they occupied for so long.

They were rated the finest amateur dramatic society abroad. Last night was their finest performance since their resurrection 13 years ago.

The choice of play, "Romanoff and Juliet" by Peter Ustinov placed them on the way to success. Ustinov is one of the cleverest theatre men of this age; a man who says the wisest things most simply, but funnily, and could they say is a fine mental to all he says is a fine observing mind which, nevertheless, is aware that laughter drives home the most deadly barbs of wit.

The Stage Club will remember this play for the fine cast they assembled.

Rich In Talent

I have said over and over again that the Colony is rich in talent, and the reason for most flops is that the people concerned usually form a charmed circle in which they survey with mutual admiration their various talents.

Last night this circle was broken. There were newcomers, and could they act? They could! In voice, gesture, single convention, plus lively personalities, they swept this play to success.

Stephen Alexander of the British Council is the new producer. Quiet, methodical and modest, he possesses a talent for theatre that exceeds by far the usual standard of the amateur producer. I hope this exceptional success leaves him where he is.

Obviously, an international cast attracted an international audience, gave a fine atmosphere to the whole evening. Geoffrey Lupin and John Doe, two soldiers of a rag-time imaginary country opened up. Obviously fools for General Rei Obilas, they gave that languid air of "enjoying life," the playwright wishes to establish with his opening lines.

Rei Obilas, mostly front stage centre, performed with intelligence, increased by audience appreciation. I think, however, that as the laughs were coming full and free, he should have continued to restrain his role, for at times in the closing scene, he was perilously near to pantomime.

A 'Type'

Norman Barnes as the U.S. Ambassador was a "type." Mr Barnes played this role with remarkable understanding, and with controlled appreciation, he stands out as an actor of considerable talent.

John McCoy, as Mrs Ambassador, had just that brittle sentimental touch which added a friendly sparkling role. Her lines at the end of the play on the Russian Ambassador's wife's hat were good; very good indeed.

Opposite the American family are the Romanoff, Pierre Hiller and Ebba Camac. Pierre Hiller has a beautiful speaking voice. His performance was intelligent as he portrayed the Marxian way of life.

Ebba Camac supported this role with understanding, and her prophetic yearning for hats anticipated with rare accuracy the Oxford Street incident.

If by all this, Ustinov means a "curse on both your houses," he makes his point well.

Ian MacCallum and Sonia Muntz play the star spangled crossed lovers with the comprehension of a plight which brings modern idiom into fine play with ancient circumstances.

The character parts come off fortunate. The Spy, a miserable wretch who succeeds in exploiting his miserable past, is played by Dennis Duncanson.

Rich Part

David Jordan has a rich part as the venerable Archbishop of the Unorthodox Church. This plays for laughs heightened by a sense of legendary seriousness; he literally whistles while he works to the evident enjoyment of the audience.

To Rosemary Brooks goes the role of a junior captain in the Russian Navy. A know-all, as these women are, a girl who finds beauty in statistics and sermons in factory engines, she most enchantingly succumbs to pastoral quiet of this never-never-land.

From the Files

25 years AGO

THE construction of the world's greatest underwater tunnel from Liverpool to Birkenhead is now nearing completion. Work began in 1925. The new tunnel will be formally opened by the King this year.

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An old Pacific windjammer, *Star of Alaska*, will sail the world as a travelling aquarium full of the ocean's strangest freaks in glass tanks.

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Government Appointments Gazetted

The Government Gazette today notified the following appointments, postings, transfers and promotions:

Dr S. H. Moore, Senior Medical Officer, to be Assistant Director of Health Services.

Dr John Chang Chiao-man, Assistant Medical Officer, to be Medical Officer.

Dr R. J. Barnes, Medical Officer, to be Acting Specialist.

Dr Ling Chuen-sheng, Medical Officer, to be Acting Chief Port Health Officer.

Mr Terence Vincent Courtney, on transfer from Sarawak, to be Superintendent of Lights, Marine Department.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

The other appointments notified in the Gazette were:

Mr Justice J. R. Greig to be the Judge in the Compulsory Service Tribunal.

Captain H. Esberink to be a Member of the Port Welfare Committee as from May 1 and during the absence of Mr C. J. de Lange.

Miss Beatrice Chan to be a Member of the Nursing Board as from May 1 and during the absence of Miss Frances White.

THE directors of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co. Ltd seem possessed of the faith that moves mountains. Two and a half years ago they purchased 30 acres of barren forbidding hills in the heart of Kowloon's rapidly growing residential suburb in the region of Kowloon Tong and Homantin. Today hardly a trace of these hills is visible. Mountains have been cut down and valleys filled to form what will shortly be the Peninsula's finest building site.

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At a sale of Crown lands at the office of the PWD yesterday Mr G. S. Kennedy-Skipton purchased a hillside lot at Middle Cap Road on Mount Cameron with an area of 11,700 square feet for which he paid \$1,904. Mr Kennedy-Skipton, who is Senior Assistant Treasurer at the Colonial Treasury, intends to build a bungalow on the site. Mr Kennedy-Skipton was the sole bidder.

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